me (CMP) which provides a clear indication of the Government's commitment to accelerate the process of economic reforms. On the premise that the key to faster economic growth is rapid and labour-intensive industrialisation, the major themes of the CMP relating to industrial sector include the following:

(1) A target of maintaining 12% annual growth of industry.

(2) A target of dollar 10 billion per annum of foreign direct investment, while discouraging entry of multinational companies into low priority areas.

(3) Suitable incentives and policies to encourage new industries to locate themselves in the backward areas.

(4) To bring India's tariffs in accord with the world levels.

(5) A commitment to reform strengthen and restructure public sector enterprises.

(6) A commitment to developing the infrastructure sectors through all mode of investment, public and private, domestic, and foreign.

Direct Air Service between Mangalore and Dubai

411. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to Dubai he had announced that a direct air service will be introduced between Mangalore and Dubai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether there is any such proposal and by what date it is likely to materialise; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to upgrade the Mangalore airport into an International Airport, if so, by what date the proposal is expected to materialise and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Measures are being taken to set up Customs and Immigration facilities at Mangalore Airport for a direct international Service to Dubai. No definite time frame can be indicated for commencement of actual operations at this stage.

(d) Mangalore Airport does not have the facilities required for declaring an airport as an International Airport.

Proposal for Independent Audit Commission for Banks

412. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the increasing incidents of frauds in nationalised banks, Government propose to set up an independent audit commission for banks on the lines of CAG;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what alternate steps are proposed to be taken to check such large scale frauds in banks?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Statutory Audit, Concurrent Audit, on-site inspection and off-site inspection by RBI are some of the checks in existence at Present. In order to strengthen the supervision of commercial banks, a Board of Financial Supervision has been set up by the Reserve Bank of India. The existing system relating to the formulation of audit policy and appointment of auditors is consistent with international standards. Audit Committees of the Boards of Public Sector Banks examine cases of frauds, problems of house keeping which may lead to frauds, inspections, internal control systems and follow-up action on RBI's inspection reports. In addition, the Board for Financial Supervision has set up a sub-committee on Audit

to determine the criteria for appointment of auditors and for strengthening the Concurrent Audit System.

चुनावों संबंधी आदर्श आचार संहिता को वैधानिक स्वीकृति

413. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार चुनावों संबंधी आदर्श आचार संहिता को वैधानिक स्वीकृति देने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रमाकांत डी० खलप): (क) से (ग) राजनैतिक दलों और अभ्यर्थियों के मार्गदर्शन के लिए आदर्श आचार संहिता के भाग 7 में अंतर्विष्ट उपबंधों को कानूनी समर्थन दिए जाने का प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है, किन्तु इस विषय में अभी कोई विनिश्चय नहीं किया गया है।

Bids to purchase medium capacity long range aircraft by Air India

414. DR. MOHAN BABU:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether bids to purchase medium capacity long range aircraft by Air India to augment its fleet has been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when they would be finalised to compete with other International Airways?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The aircraft under consideration are A-340-300 manufactured by Airbus Industries, B-777 by Boeing Airplane Company and MD-11 by Mc-Donnel Douglas Corporation. The proposal is at present under consideration of a Subcommittee of the Board of Air India. It is not possible to indicate any timeframe within which final decision is likely to be taken.

Steps to end strike in Safdarjung Hospital

415. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the month long indefinite strike by the Safdarjung Karamcharis/ Staff has severely affected the services in the hospital;

(b) whether cleanliness in the hospital has been the biggest casualty of the agitation when more than 321 persons have already died due to Dengue in the capital;

(c) what are the chances of ending strike even after imposition of the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) by Government; and

(d) the present status of the strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The hospital services were effected to some extent.

(b) Cleanliness in the hospital was satisfactory except in certain areas and necessary steps had been taken to keep the hospital premises clean and tidy.

(c) and (d) Strike has been called off w.e.f. 15.11.1996.

Rise of Tuberculosis in Gujarat

416. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TB cases are on the rise in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that District TB programme is being implemented in many districts of the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to control TB in the State of Gujarat?